

What's On at Shirley Children's Centre

Courses and Activities Jan-Mar 2017

Please contact the Centre to book your place on our courses or book appointments.

SPRING EDITION 2017

Please book early as spaces are limited!!



Bookstart

Bookstart is a programme aimed at families that require extra support to develop a love of stories, books and rhymes. Over the 3 weeks, children will have access to a range of learning resources and activities to enhance engagement with their families and build their confidence around stories.

The children will have the opportunity to make a buggy book of rhymes, make a lion mask and a space rocket which will support their early learning, language and development.

Bookstart is on the following days:

Wednesday 1st Feb 1.00pm-2.30pm

Wednesday 8th Feb 1.00pm-2.30pm

Wednesday 15th Feb 1.00pm-2.30pm

For more information, please contact the centre on 0208 777 2119

Employability course

Thursday 26th January 2017 1pm-3pm

Are you thinking about returning back to work or finding a job? Would you like support in CV writing, interview skills and to gain confidence?

Then this practical 6 - week course will help you to enhance your employability skills and access one to one mentoring, volunteering and employment opportunities.

This course will help you to:

- Assess your capabilities and set career goals
- Develop your personal and social skills to prepare for employment
 - Prepare your CV
- Teach you how to write a winning application form
 - Develop job search and interview skills

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Digital Skills -

Monday 16th January 2017 10am-12pm

Job hunting can be difficult, and these days lots of jobs are only advertised online. This course is ideal for people wanting to gain an understanding in using the internet, online safety, and digital skills such as social networking and how to access employment opportunities online. Do you want to gain the employability skills you need to find and keep a job? Not sure how to research, apply for jobs? We can help answer these questions and more.

This course will cover:

- Researching and applying for jobs online
- Making a good impression and personal profiling
- Preparing and succeeding in an interview
 - Creating and tailoring your CV
- Staying safe online from viruses and protecting personal information

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Free ESOL classes

Do you want to improve your English and language skills for work, life or study and gain a nationally recognised qualification?

If yes, join our ESOL Course and contact the centre to register your interest.

ESOL classes start

Mon 9th Jan-Mon 6th Feb

& Wed 21

th Jan-Wed 8th Feb

1.00pm-3.00pm

If you know someone who needs help with their English, please help them to register their interest for ESOL classes at the children's centre.

Learning Curve online Courses

Would you like to do an online course with Learning Curve?

Come into the centre for a list of online courses you can do in your own time.

Messy Play for under 1's

Every Mon 1.00pm-3.00pm

Does your child love getting their hands dirty while exploring the world around them?...

We've got it covered!

Messy play helps children develop in their own ways including being able to express their feelings and experimenting with a variety of textures.

Gingerbread Friendship Group

Gingerbread is a friendship group that offers expert advice and practical support for single parents.

The group meets every

Monday

9.30am-11.00am.

Please contact the centre for further information.



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'Helping Families Fulfil their Potential'

Come along to our Stay and Play sessions for all children aged 6 months—5 years

Tues 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Thurs 9.30am - 11.15am

We offer a wide range of fun activities indoors and outdoors where you can meet other parents and play with your children. We provide a variety of fruit at 'snack time' and water is on offer throughout the session. Please bring one piece of fruit in per week to share.

Stay and Play sessions run throughout the year and older children are welcome in school holidays.

If you would like more information, please speak to reception or call **0208 777 2119**.

No booking required.

Please note: For safeguarding purposes the use of mobile phones or photography is not permitted in the Stay and Play sessions.

Chatterbox Groups

Are you worried about your child's talking? Do you have questions about your child's speech & language development?

Shirley Children's Centre has a drop in group to promote, support and encourage your child's speech, language and communication development with a Croydon Speech

Therapist, who can provide advice and book further appointments.

Chatterbox Sessions 9.30am—11.15am on Wednesdays:

11th, 18th & 25th Jan

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Feb

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Mar

Housing Surgery and Advice

Access housing advice quickly and easily. Come and talk to a Housing Advice Officer about your tenancy or lease, rent, service charges, or any other tenancy related issues. Please book an appointment or leave your number for a call-back where you can discuss your problem over the phone.

Housing Surgery dates:

Friday 13th Jan

Friday 10th Feb

Friday 10th Mar

WELL BABY CLINIC

We have a fortnightly Well Baby Clinic on

Thursday 9.30am—11.30am where you can weigh your baby and get advice from the Health Visitors. Clinic days are:

Thursday 5th & 19th Jan

Thursday 2nd & 16th Feb

Thursday 2nd & 16th Mar

Rhymetime at Shirley Library

Rhymetime sessions are aimed at babies and toddlers, aged under five, along with their parents and carers. The sessions are based on sharing nursery rhymes, action songs and percussion music. It is fun, interactive and noisy!

Come along to Rhyme Time at Shirley Library between

10.00am—11.00am on the following days :

Friday 13th & 27th Jan

Friday 10th & 24th Feb

Friday 10th & 24th Mar

Enjoy Rhyme time with your children 10.00am—10.30am and then take part in the focused activity 10.30am—11.00am.

No need to book, just drop in!

2 year Old Funding

Do you have a child that is nearly 2 years old? You could be eligible for 15 hours free childcare. Log onto www.familyspacecroydon.co.uk to check if you are eligible. Alternatively, come into the children's centre and we can check for you and stamp your eligibility card.

Benefits Advice

Jackie is a Benefits Adviser from the Welfare Rights Team in Croydon who attends Shirley Children's Centre every fortnight on

Mon 1.30pm - 3.30pm

to give benefits advice and help you claim any benefits you may be entitled to. To book an appointment, please call the centre on 0208 777 2119.

Appointment dates are:

30th Jan

13th & 27th Feb

13th & 27th Mar

Please contact the centre or check the timetable for the next available dates.

Appointments can be booked in advance as the dates fill quite quickly.

Musical Bumps

A fun music and movement class for children of all ages.

Introduce your child to the joys of singing, dancing and music with Esther

every fortnight on Tues

9.30am - 10.15am

10th & 24th Jan

7th & 21st Feb

7th & 21st Mar



MENCAP CHILL 'N' CHAT is run by Croydon MENCAP and is specifically for families who have children with additional needs. Please come along to the centre with your friends and children to our Chill n Chat sessions. This group is a great place to meet mums with children, get good advice and support and your child can make new friends too.

Tues 10.30am—12.30pm and

Fri 10.00am—2.30pm.

Term Time Only

(If you would like to stay for lunch on Fridays, please bring a packed lunch for your child)

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